

Chair Yoga, Musical Performances, and more!

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For the last four months, I've been shouting from the rooftops about the fantastic programs offered by the Volusia County Public Library. Now, of course, I am biased since I am fortunate enough to be part of this wonderful organization, but the library really does have some unbelievable programs for its patrons.

I recently placed a survey on social media asking our followers what they would like to see offered by the library, and I received some great feedback. Sometimes, it's easier to ask people what they want instead of guessing or assuming what they would like.

The two most popular responses were for the library to offer more chair yoga sessions and more musical performances. I have not participated in chair yoga (yet), but I have performed at the Port Orange Regional Library with the Taylor Road Band. I'm their drummer, and the band plays hits from the 50s, 60s, and beyond. We project the lyrics on a screen so patrons can sing along. We will play at the New Smyrna Beach Regional Library on February 13, 2025, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, so mark your calendars for a great time. In addition to my band, the library books (no pun intended) many performers including local favorite, Shannon Rae who sings the Carpenter's songbook, and other songs from the 70s up until today will be performing on November 20 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Ormond Beach Regional Library.

Another great performer who provides entertainment for library patrons and guests is Dave DeLuca. Dave offers a great variety of famous songs by Neil Diamond, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and more. Dave is performing at the Daytona Beach Regional Library on November 16, at 2:00 pm.

Pupiled by Andrés Segovia's protégé, Gladius is an award-winning composer and "accomplished classical/flamenco style guitarist" who soulfully "shreds on the electric" (Phil Keaggy), sharing the bill with Grammy winners and mesmerizing audiences nationwide with his electrifying live act since 2016. Gladius will be at the Deltona Regional Library on November 24th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

Chair yoga is available at the Port Orange, DeLand, and Ormond Beach Regional Libraries. To see the schedule for chair yoga, visit <https://volusialibrary.libcal.com/> and type in chair yoga.

What would you like to see the Volusia County Public Library offer? Email me with your wish list and I'll see what we can do. The more people who use the resources available at the library, the better. Today's library isn't what you remember from when you were a kid. Yes, the library still has books and reference materials, but these days it's a vibrant and expansive environment of services and programs for all ages.

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